

To: Murray, Bill[Murray.Bill@epa.gov]
From: Vranka, Joe
Sent: Tue 9/6/2016 4:54:56 PM
Subject: Re: NPL Listing and Columbia Falls

Hi, Bill:

I know what you mean. Accessing email through the web app is a pain.

Yes, Deb is correct below. After Columbia Falls Aluminum Company pulled out of negotiations with Montana DEQ, EPA spent the next several months negotiating an AOC for RI/FS. That was signed in November 2015. At the request of the PRPs, EPA considered the Superfund Alternative Approach throughout the proposed listing, comment period, and up until this final decision. Some of the concerns with the SAA approach included financial assurance, financial viability, and the existence of multiple PRPs. We need to revise the language of the communication strategy to reflect that "EPA considered the Superfund alternative approach but decided to proceed with final listing to provide more certainty to the community that timely and effective investigation and cleanup would continue," or something like that.

Thanks,

Joe

From: Murray, Bill
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 10:41:11 AM
To: Vranka, Joe
Subject: Re: NPL Listing and Columbia Falls

Thanks JOe. Email been acting up this morning. Do you share Deb's concern about our communications with the PRP?

From: Vranka, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 10:19:15 AM
To: Murray, Bill
Subject: Fw: NPL Listing and Columbia Falls

FYI -- I don't know if you have seen any of this below, Bill. The expected federal register publication date is this Friday, 9/9. You probably have seen the updates for Bonita Peak, but the message below includes the communication strategy for Anaconda

Aluminum/Columbia Falls. Let me know if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

Thanks,

Joe

From: Miller, Johanna

Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 9:01 AM

To: Moler, Robert; Mutter, Andrew; Mylott, Richard; Wardell, Christopher; Ketellapper, Victor; Cirian, Mike; Vranka, Joe

Subject: Re: NPL Listing and Columbia Falls

I sent a message back to Rich on this on Friday indicating that Deb's memory is correct as I understand it the site team was considering SAA more recently and from my perspective what drove the decision to finalize was the fact that the agreement we have in place only covers the RI/FS and not a commitment for clean up, it doesn't include all the viable PRPs that may be needed to contribute to a final remedy, and we felt it was important to be responsive to the Govs original request.

Johanna

From: Moler, Robert

Sent: Tuesday, September 6, 2016 8:52 AM

To: Mutter, Andrew; Mylott, Richard; Wardell, Christopher; Ketellapper, Victor; Miller, Johanna; Cirian, Mike

Subject: Re: NPL Listing and Columbia Falls

I am looping in Mike, Victor and Johanna for perspective.

From: Mutter, Andrew

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2016 8:57:15 AM

To: Moler, Robert; Mylott, Richard; Wardell, Christopher

Subject: FW: NPL Listing and Columbia Falls

All,

See Deb's comments below. Any insights?

Andrew

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From: Thomas, Deb

Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 8:37 AM

To: Wardell, Christopher <Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: NPL Listing and Columbia Falls

Thanks Chris and Andrew. It looks like you have an handle on this. In the communication strategy please verify that, "However, the Superfund Alternative approach was not pursued after CFAC withdrew from negotiations with MDEQ for an administrative order for CFAC to conduct the RI/FS." is an accurate statement. I thought we were communicating to the company that we were still evaluating the Alternative approach even after they left the negotiation table. I may have the timing confused.

Deb

From: Wardell, Christopher

Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 8:21 AM

To: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>; McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>; Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Hestmark, Martin <Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov>; Stavnes, Sandra <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov>; Smith, Paula <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>; Vranka, Joe <vranka.joe@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: NPL Listing and Columbia Falls

Attached is the most recent comm strat I have. I can reach out to Sen. Tester's office and let them know about the listing and we plan to do Congressional notification next Tuesday to all MT Congressional offices working with Robert Moler in the MT. office. In the attached comm strat it does state that Congressman Ryan Zinke does not support the listing. Let me know if you have further questions. Thanks

Chris Wardell

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From: Thomas, Deb

Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 8:09 AM

To: McGrath, Shaun <McGrath.Shaun@epa.gov>; Card, Joan <Card.Joan@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Hestmark, Martin <Hestmark.Martin@epa.gov>; Stavnes, Sandra <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov>; Wardell, Christopher <Wardell.Christopher@epa.gov>; Smith, Paula <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>; Vranka, Joe <vranka.joe@epa.gov>

Subject: NPL Listing and Columbia Falls

I have not been in the loop on Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant (CFAP) for a while. I know when I

was involved there was a lot of concern about the timing of the listing and a Superfund Alternative Approach. We stated that we were considering the company's request for a Superfund Alternative Approach and if a final NPL listing were to be made it would not be before fall 2016. Senator Tester's office has been very engaged and it is important that there be no surprises for his office or the community at large. I see CFAP is on the NPL listing slated for release next week. Is the communication strategy ready?

Deb

From: Miller, Johanna
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 4:27 PM
To: R8 GKM Leadership Team <R8_GKM_LeadershipTeam@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NPL Rules Have Been Signed by the AA

Andrew is staying in contact with Nancy for the actual timing. Johanna

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cohen, Nancy" <Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov>
Date: September 1, 2016 at 2:45:10 PM MDT
To: "Jeng, Terry" <Jeng.Terry@epa.gov>
Cc: OLEM OSRTI NPL Listing Group <OLEMOSRTINPLListingGroup@epa.gov>, "Woolford, James" <Woolford.James@epa.gov>, "Barr, Pamela" <Barr.Pamela@epa.gov>, "Stalcup, Dana" <Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov>, "Fitz-James, Schatzi" <Fitz-James.Schatzi@epa.gov>, "Zaragoza, Larry" <Zaragoza.Larry@epa.gov>, "Siedschlag, Gregory" <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>, "Gartner, Lois" <Gartner.Lois@epa.gov>, "Hovis, Jennifer" <Hovis.Jennifer@epa.gov>, "Hammond, Richard" <Hammond.Richard@epa.gov>, "Snyder, Raquel" <Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov>, "Taylor, Trish" <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NPL Rules Have Been Signed by the AA

Thanks, Terry. Adding Trish, nancy

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 1, 2016, at 4:40 PM, Jeng, Terry <Jeng.Terry@epa.gov> wrote:

The proposed and final NPL rules were signed by Mathy Stanislaus this afternoon.

The NPL rules have been sent to the Federal Register office. The projected publication date is September 8, however, it is uncertain with the Monday holiday whether we will make that publication date.

Right now, issuance of the press release, congressional notification and web update with new site information is scheduled for September 6.

If any of these dates change, I will let you know as soon as I know.

Terry Jeng

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Proposed Rule:

State	Site Name	City/County
FL	Post and Lumber Preserving Co. Inc.	Quincy
MA	Microfab Inc (Former)	Amesbury
NE	Old HWY 275 and N 288 th Street	Valley
NV	Anaconda Copper Mine	Yerington
NY	Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics	Village of Hoosick Falls

PR The Battery Recycling Company
TN Former Custom Cleaners
TX Highway 18 Ground Water

Bo. Cambalache
Memphis
Kermit

Final Rule:

State	Site Name	City/County
CA	Argonaut Mine	Jackson
CO	Bonita Peak Mining District	San Juan County
IN	West Vermont Drinking Water Contamination	Indianapolis
LA	SBA Shipyard	Jennings
MT	Anaconda Aluminum Co Columbia Falls Reduction Plant	Columbia Falls
NY	Wappinger Creek	Dutchess County
OH	Valley Pike VOCs	Riverside
PR	Dorado Ground Water Contamination	Dorado
TX	Eldorado Chemical Co., Inc.	Live Oak
WV	North 25 th Street Glass and Zinc	Clarksburg